

MESSAGE HONORING 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS DURING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor all law enforcement officials for the crucial and irreplaceable job that they so tirelessly do for our communities' benefit. When I meet with various officials throughout my district and see the job that they do, I am continually impressed by the sense of honor and the level of commitment with which they so unselfishly serve. Many of them continually place their lives on the line in order to protect the families and individuals in our area. Some have indeed given their lives in the line of duty, and for that there is no measure of gratitude that can possibly rise to the level of what our community owes them.

These dedicated individuals give of their time, energy, and heart. They ask for little other than our support. They crave no spotlight or public applause. They serve out of a sense of deep love for their community and out of a sense of purpose in ensuring the citizenry is protected and justice is served.

I would like to especially recognize a fallen officer whose name was added to the wall on the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. this week, in a ceremony attended by Jacksonville Sheriff Rutherford.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer Eric Bell was killed, on duty, on October 12, 2007 when a vehicle pulled in front of his patrol car. Officer Bell was returning from a call on Heckscher Drive when a van traveling on New Berlin Road collided with his cruiser.

Officers like Eric Bell embody the belief that there is no greater purpose than serving our fellow neighbors, and Officer Bell gave his life in this noble effort. In doing so, he and other law enforcement officials model character and integrity for generations to come.

It is with a grateful heart and a sense of tremendous pride that I recognize and honor Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer Eric Bell and each individual serving our community in a law enforcement capacity during this 2008 National Law Enforcement Week.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, because I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday May 14, 2008, I missed rollcall votes 317, 318 and 319. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote 317, no on rollcall vote 318 and YES on rollcall vote 319.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2008 ANNUAL BUSINESS OHIO BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2008 Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference and Expo, and in honor of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Ohio and the Hispanic Business Association for their work in the state of Ohio.

The Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference is the largest event of its kind for women in business and provides business owners with the information and tools necessary to expand their market. The theme for this year's conference is "Bridging Success" and will feature over five hundred women business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate exhibitors. The mission, put forth by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Ohio and the Hispanic Business Association is to promote women business enterprises through all stages of development. This unique and important event provides women business owners with the forum to display their products and services to America's leading corporations and government agencies, who join the conference from across the nation as sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees. This year's event will provide women business owners and entrepreneurs with networking activities, workshops, panel discussions, and matchmaking procurement sessions.

I also stand in recognition of the Hispanic Business Association (HBA) for their contributions and leadership in promoting and supporting women business owners in the Greater Cleveland Area. The Hispanic Business Association grew out of the vision of local Hispanic business owners in 1981 who were startled by the low participation of the Hispanic community in the private and public sector. Since its official incorporation as a nonprofit in 1983, the HBA has worked to fulfill its mission of promoting Hispanic business interest and its economic development and expansion through strategic partnerships, technical assistance and advocacy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of this year's Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference and Expo as well as in recognition of the Hispanic Business Association for their diverse and extensive service to business owners and entrepreneurs in the Greater Cleveland Area.

THE DAILY 45: SALVADORAN IMMIGRANT FAMILY'S MURDER SUICIDE

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, somewhere in America, an average of 45 people are shot and killed at the hands of a gun-wielding assailant. This senseless loss of life

comes in all shapes, sizes, colors and zip codes. And, far too often, death comes at the hands of a loved one.

According to law enforcement authorities, on May 10th in Houston, Texas, death came at the hands of a Salvadoran immigrant husband and father of three young children. Neighbors describe, the father, Salvador, as friendly and hard-working. For reasons we'll never know, Salvador took a rifle and shot his wife, Lupe, and their three children, all under the age of 10. Before he shot himself, Salvador left a Snoopy doll and other plush animals along with a note that read, "May God Have Mercy." So many dreams cut short in an instant of despair.

We must stop the senseless murders of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "Enough is enough, stop the killing!"

IN RECOGNITION OF WHISKEY ISLAND

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Whiskey Island, a natural beauty along Lake Erie's urban coastline near Downtown Cleveland. On Saturday May 17, 2008, our Cuyahoga County Commissioners will be dedicating the Whiskey Island Bridge so that the people will have better access to Whiskey Island. Whiskey Island is a magnificent natural asset at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River in Downtown Cleveland. This lakefront park is not only an environmental asset, but an amenity for people who live, work, and play in Downtown Cleveland.

The Cuyahoga County Commissioners were visionary in having acquired this park for the people of Northeast Ohio. I join with the Commissioners in envisioning a day when the Towpath Trail, which links our state's history, culture, nature, and geography along 110 miles between New Philadelphia and Cleveland, will connect with Lake Erie at Whiskey Island. With our continued stewardship of this important natural resource, Whiskey Island will one day be linked by this pedestrian and bicycle trail through Akron and Canton along the Cuyahoga River and its historic Towpath.

Whiskey Island and the Towpath Trail are the people's treasures. With the dedication of the improved Whiskey Island Bridge, more people may now enjoy this oasis along the shoreline of Lake Erie and the banks of the Cuyahoga River. I have supported these projects in the past and pledge my future support to preserve and protect them as the people's resources.

Madam Speaker, please join me in this moment to reflect on the beauty of Whiskey Island and the will of the people of Northeastern Ohio to protect this important patch of nature for the people's continued enjoyment. <P>Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Whiskey Island, and the will of the people of Northeastern Ohio to protect this important patch of nature for the people's continued enjoyment.